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Director, Center for Health Promotion
South Carolina DHEC
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Dear Dr. Wheeler:

Naval Hospital Charleston recognizes the extent of the problem of tobacco usage to its beneficiary population and to the general public of South Carolina. We have addressed this issue, with support of the Bureau of Medicine and the Commander, Naval Base Charleston, by making our facilities 'tobacco free' and through smoking cessation instructor training and cessation support classes for staff of this and other Naval commands and for our beneficiaries.

We offer participation on the statewide coalition and can assist through dissemination of information through available media for the approximately 120,000 beneficiaries within the Charleston-Berkely-Dorchester 'Trident' area and through continued sponsored cessation training and support groups. Our representative on your Steering Committee would be LCDR W. Edward Richburg, whose address and telephone contact information are provided on the enclosure. He is also our point of contact for this matter.

We have full confidence that the South Carolina DHEC and the American Cancer Society are capable to administer a contract to support the efforts of the coalition presently under formation. We shall support vigorously the reduction and elimination of tobacco as a health promotion issue.

Sincerely,

D. E. MORTON
Captain, Medical Service Corps
United States Navy
Commanding Officer

Encl: (1) Organizational Resume

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